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1. RED CROSS REPRESENTATIVES OF SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA
HELD SECOND WORKING-LEVEL SESSION JULY 24 IN PANMUNJOM.

2. FOLLOWING MEETING, WHICH LASTED TWO AND ONE-HALF
HOURS, SOUTH SPOKESMAN CHONG TOLD PRESS THAT NORTH HAD
REJECTED SOUTH PROPOSAL FOR TRACING ELDERLY PARENTS
(REFTEL). CHONG SAID NORTH HAD CALLED THE PROPOSAL
ONE MORE OSTACLE TO RECONVENING RED CROSS PLENARY TALKS
AND HAD DEMANDED THAT SEOUL REVOKE ITS ANTI-COMMUNIST
LAWS, SISBAND ITS ANTI-COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS, AND
STOP ITS ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMPAIGN. OTHERWISE, NORTH
SAID, IT COULD NOT PROCEED ON SUBSTANTIVE HUMANITARIAN
MATTERS.

3. CHONG TOLD EMBOFF THAT NORTH KOREAN CRITICISM
OF ROK DOMESTIC SITUATION WAS UNUSUALLY SEVERE, WITH
QUOTATIONS FROM LOS ANGELES TIMES AND OTHER FOREIGN
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NEWSPAPERS. HE SAID NORTH ATTACKED PRESIDENT PARK'S

RECENT STATEMENT THAT KOREAN PENINSULA IS IN STATE OF WAR
AND CALLED SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT "FASCIST."
IN RESPONSE TO SOUTH KOREAN SUGGESTION THAT NORTH LIMIT
ITS REMARKS TO HUMANITARIAN ISSUES AND AVOID POLITICAL
COMMENTS, NORTH SAID LIBERATION OF PEOPLE OF SOUTH
KOREA IS A HUMANITARIAN GOAL.

4. TWO SIDES AGREED TO HOLD THIRD MEETING AUG 28.
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